



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution rejecting the three (3) lowest bids and award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Megger Corporation of Dallas, Texas for the purchase of one (1) Digital Micro-Ohmmeter, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$5,425.21 (EUD)

MEETING DATE: July 6, 2005

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt resolution rejecting the three (3) lowest bids and award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Megger Corporation of Dallas, Texas for the purchase of one (1) Digital Micro-Ohmmeter, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$5,425.21.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On June 1, 2005, five (5) bids were received and opened. In the bid specification the City of Lodi asked for the ability to generate reports from the test equipment. The three (3) lowest bidders do not have this capability. The lowest bidder that meets the specifications is Megger Corporation of Dallas, Texas. The bid results are shown below:

Power Service Group, Inc., Santa Rosa, CA	\$6,131.00
3ML Group, Inc., Woodbridge, CA	\$5,118.13
George Honn Co., Vacaville, CA	\$4,741.00
Megger, Dallas, TX	\$5,425.21
Vanguard Instruments Co., Ontario, CA	
Bid A) Herwlito	\$4,525.50
Bid B) Auto-Ohm – 100 52	\$6,034.00

On May 4, 2005, the City Council approved specifications and authorized advertisement for bids for the purchase of a Digital Ohm-meter. This test set will replace an existing test set. The Electric Utility substations have approximately 80 high voltage circuit breakers. The circuit breakers have moving contacts, which open and close to make and break the circuits. When circuit breakers open, they interrupt a high current, which erodes the contact surfaces. These operations can cause the contacts to wear and over time fail. The preferred method to check the contacts is with a low resistance Ohmmeter. The tester now in use is a 10-amp model. The required method is now to test all contacts and substation bus bars at 100 amps. The existing tester is not able to test the contacts to I.E.E.E. (Institute Of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) and N.E.T.A. (International Electrical Testing Association) and manufacture specifications.

FISCAL IMPACT: Equipment is currently included in the Budget and will result in more efficient operations.

FUNDING: 2003-2005 Financial Plan and Budget PE4 & E49

James R. Krueger, Finance Director

Alan N. Vallow, Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Jess Kerekes, Electrical Technician

APPROVED: _____
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL REJECTING THE
THREE LOWEST BIDS AND AWARDING TO THE NEXT LOWEST
RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) DIGITAL
MICRO-OHMMETER AND FURTHER APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, in answer to notice duly published in accordance with law and the order of this City Council, sealed bids were received and publicly opened on June 1, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., for the purchase of one (1) digital micro-ohmmeter, described in the specifications therefore approved by the City Council on May 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been compared, checked, and tabulated and a report thereof filed with the City Manager as shown as follows:

Power Service Group, Inc., Santa Rosa, CA	\$6,131.00
3ML Group, Inc., Woodbridge, CA	\$5,118.13*
George Honn Co., Vacaville, CA	\$4,741.00*
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WHEREAS, staff recommends that the bids marked with an asterisk (*) be rejected for failure to meet bid requirements and that the bid be awarded to the next lowest responsible bidder, Megger Corporation, of Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$5,425.21; and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends that funds be appropriated from the 2003-05 Budget for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby rejects the three (3) lowest bids referenced above for failure to meet bid requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby awards the purchase of one (1) digital micro-ohmmeter to the next lowest responsible bidder, Megger Corporation, of Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$5,425.21; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds be appropriated from the 2003-05 Budget for this project.

Dated: July 6, 2005

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-129 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held July 6, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and
Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk